

S.C. National Guard Student Loan Repayment Program 2005-06 Academic Year

What is the S.C. National Guard Student Loan Repayment Program?

During the 2001 legislative session, the General Assembly approved Act 41. The Commission on Higher Education, in consultation with the South Carolina Student Loan Corporation, developed a loan repayment program for providing incentives for enlisting or remaining a minimum of six years in either the South Carolina Army or Air National Guard (SCNG) in areas of critical need. The Commission on Higher Education must define areas of critical need annually in consultation with the Office of the Adjutant General.

The Purpose:

- PROVIDE incentives for enlisting or remaining for a specified time in the SCNG in areas of critical need by repayment of eligible student loans

General Eligibility Requirements:

- Must enlist, reenlist, accept a warrant or be commissioned for a term of at least six years and, at the time of enlistment, meet a critical need area
- Must be a legal resident of South Carolina
- Must maintain satisfactory performance in the SCNG
- Must submit an application each year to Commission on Higher Education in order to be eligible for loan repayment
- Eligible student loans may be repaid at the rate of \$4500 per year for a maximum of four years
- Payments made directly to the loan provider
- Eligible loans are guaranteed under part B, part D, or part E of Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, must not be in default and be at least one year old



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Frequently Asked Questions

What must I do to be eligible to participate in the Student Loan Repayment Program (SLRP)?

At the time of enlistment, reenlistment, acceptance of a warrant or commissioning as an officer for a term of at least six years in the SCNG in an approved critical need area, you must sign an Initial Eligibility Contract with your recruiter and be issued a control number.

What areas are in critical need in the SCNG to be eligible for SLRP?

The areas of critical need are determined by the Adjutant General's Office each fiscal year and are subject to change at any time. The current listing of critical need areas is posted on the Commission on Higher Education's website at:

http://www.che.sc.gov/New_Web/GoingToCollege/NatlGuard/2005-06criticalneedslist.pdf

How do I apply to receive SLRP benefits each year once I have been issued a control number?

The Adjutant General will provide each eligible member with the South Carolina National Guard Student Loan Repayment Program Annual Application at least sixty (60) days prior to the member's anniversary date. A completed application for each eligible loan must be submitted to the Commission on Higher Education each fiscal year within thirty days after the member's anniversary date. The accurate and timely submission of the application is the personal responsibility of the member. Payments will not be processed without a completed annual application.

If I am already in the National Guard, am I eligible for SLRP benefits?

Due to limited funding, not all service members in the National Guard are eligible for SLRP benefits. These limitations have caused leadership to prioritize eligibility. If you are an existing service member, you are only eligible to be issued a control number at the time of your acceptance of a commission.

For more information about pending payments, you should contact:

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For more information about obtaining a control number or the current areas of critical need, you should contact:

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Please note that the information provided is subject to change.